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TAGS: PFOR, UK, GY

SUBJECT: CANDIDATES TO SUCCEED SECRETARY GENERAL OF  
COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT

REF: LONDON 15520

ACCORDING TO HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL AT COMMONWEALTH SECRE-  
TARIAT, SECRETARY GENERAL ARNOLD SMITH HAS DEFINITELY DE-  
CIDED NOT TO SEEK RE-ELECTION AT THE NEXT COMMONWEALTH  
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING. SMITH'S REASONS ARE THAT  
HE BELIEVES IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE AND ALSO BAD HEALTH.  
SAME OFFICIAL COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT AMIN HAD  
NOMINATED FORMER PRESIDENT OBOTE TO SUCCEED SMITH, THE  
NOMINATION WAS NEVER TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND AMIN HAS NOT  
FOLLOWED UP IN ANY WAY. THE ONLY SERIOUS CANDIDATE,  
THEREFORE, IS GUYANESE FOREIGN MINISTER RAMPHAL.

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